

The course structure will include the following:

- Weekly live sessions (via Zoom) every Wednesday at 6pm Sri Lanka Time with group exercises, live voting/interactive tool, global real-case studies;
- Background reading materials;
- Online discussion forums for participants to interact throughout the weeks;
- Direct interaction with tutors upon request.

SESSION	RESPONSIBLE TUTORS
Week 1: September 30	
Introductions (participants & course coordinator)	Alexandra Barrantes
Session: Rationale for social protection: reconceptualising poverty, risk, inequality and redistribution	Bjorn Gelders & Prof. Amala de Silva
Week 2: October 7	
Session: Understanding of Social Protection: Definitions, approaches and underpinning ideologies	Dr. Stephen Kid
Week 3: October 14	
Session A: A lifecycle, inclusive social protection system: characteristics of core schemes/ and an introduction to a multi-tiered approach	Shea McClanahan & Ms. Sachintha Fernando
Week 4: October 21	
Session: Evidence on the social and economic impacts of social protection	Bjorn Gelders
Week 5: October 28	
Session: A human rights approach and dignity in social protection	Alexandra Barrantes

Week 6: November 4		
Session A: Reconceptualising targeting and the evidence on what works and does not		Dr. Stephen Kidd
Session B: Sri Lanka Social Protection System: strengths and challenges		Mr. K Romeshun
Week 7: November 11		
Session: The political economy of social protection and its role in strengthening the social contract and building the state		Dr. Stephen Kidd & Prof. Hettige
Week 8: November 18		
Session: Shock Responsive Social Protection (in context of COVID-19)		Anh Tran & Dr. Ganga Tilakaratna
Week 9: November 25		
Session: Financing social protection: costs, affordability and sources of funding		Bjorn Gelders & Mr. Deshal de Mel
Module 10: December 2		
Session: Bringing it all together: building the case for an effective and comprehensive social protection national system		Stephen Kidd & Dr. Nishan de Mel
Groups prepare final work with simulation model (groups of 5 participants each)	Panel: Alexandra Barrantes, Stephen Kidd & Shea McClanahan	